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17 July 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: OC Equipment Board Members

SUBJECT : Minutes of Equipment Board Meeting
of 3 July 1973

Meeting No. 4-73 of the Office of Communications Equipment Board was held on 3 July 1973 in Room 2D03 Headquarters Building. Those present were:

Mr.
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ITEM I - Mr. [] presented background information on the procurement of and experience with the Model 37 Teletype Corporation equipment. The Chairman then asked Mr. [] to present additional facts on the case. Mr. [] distributed a handout (Att. A) covering Field Station Usage of the equipment. A discussion ensued covering the status of worldwide conversion to ASCII, replacement possibilities for the M-37, and maintenance and spare part inventory needed in support of M-37 units currently in operation. Mr. [] asked if there was any Agency support in favor of continuing use of the M-37. Mr. [] reported that OTR was using a number of units in addition to 37 machines SPG had in operation. Alternatives to the M-37 were discussed in relation to the CAFT program. Also, the CAFT conversion time-table was discussed briefly, with suggestions being made by Mr. [] in favor of every effort being made to increase the conversion factor from the presently planned 10 Stations to 20 or more per year.

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25X1 Mr. [] asked whether we could get credit from the
TTY Corporation on a turn-in of M-37 units and Mr. []
advised that he intended to broach the matter with the company. 25X1

25X1 Mr. [] stated that if the M-37 program is terminated
then maintenance training of Technicians would be limited to
ad hoc requirements and the spare parts program could be
reduced accordingly to accommodate M-37's in-use at con-
siderable savings in manpower and funding resources.

At this point the Board members unanimously voted in
favor of removal of the Model 37 from the [] usage. 25X1

ITEM II - Procurement of a key-card dispenser for
cryptographic equipment. The Chairman asked Mr. [] to
present the case. A model of the dispenser was presented
and operation of the device was demonstrated. It was reported
25X1 by Mr. [] that the dispenser had been thoroughly tested by
the Signal Center for one month and it has been subjected to
"tampering" tests by Agency experts. Production costs were
estimated at \$100 each in quantities of 5000 if production
entailed machine work; costs may be reduced to as little
as \$60 if the injection moulding technique were possible.
25X1 Mr. [] requested that approximately \$500,000, or some
portion thereof, be made available in FY-74 to permit nego-
tiation of a production run.

Questions were posed regarding the IBM card usage factor
under present conditions and the future of IBM type cards in
cryptographic devices. The Security advantages of the device
were discussed, re-usability factors, and in-house encapsu-
lating capability.

25X1 Mr. [] commented that money for FY-74 was very tight
and that the programming cycle had been completed. Mr. []
observed that equipment priorities for FY-74 might be adjusted
to include purchase of a limited number of units. Mr. []
subscribed to the idea and added that the remainder could be
programmed in the FY-75 budget. Mr. [] made a strong case
for orderly, timely programming of equipment however he
25X1 acceded to the idea of a review of the FY-74 program. 25X1

The Board then unanimously voted in favor of a review
of the FY-74 program to determine whether funds could be
made available for dispenser procurement and to include the
dispenser for consideration in the FY-75 budget.

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The Chairman then tabled the subject of the destiny of the Equipment Board and necessary re-alignment of membership as a result of the recent OC reorganization. Various possibilities for re-alignment were discussed, including the possibility of organizing an Executive Committee, various Division and Staff level balances, and use of voting and advisory appointments. No final decision was reached on a proposal but rather it was decided that the various options would be presented to higher level management for consideration.



Chairman, OC Equipment Board

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